

SCHUSSBOOMER

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Presidents' Message

Many of us kicked off the start of Madison Ski Club's 49th year at the annual fall picnic held this year at Lakeview Park in Middleton. The event was hosted by our vice presidents Bruce and Cherie Olsen. All that attended were able to enjoy a wonderful day, great food and conversations with new and old friends. We introduced our club's board members so that everyone would be able to identify the faces of the board members along with their names.

Presentations of this year's events and trip offerings were given by each of the event or trip hosts. The information was well received and many in attendance had questions regarding the offerings. We were able to report that we have had an excellent response regarding all of our trips this year with many members already signed up.

We urge you to submit your deposits so that you don't miss out on the trip or trips of your choice. Detailed information for all of the events and trips is provided within this issue of the Schussboomer and on our website. The next scheduled event is the Lift-Off-Dinner which is on October 29th at the Avenue Bar. We could use your help with donations of door prizes for the Lift-Off-Dinner. If you have any items to donate please contact Pat Bruden at 608 246-1813. We hope to see you at the club's events and for your continued support of your Madison Ski Club.



George and Lavora Baird



**Madison Ski Club Annual Lift-Off Party
at the Avenue Bar
1128 E Washington Ave, Madison
Saturday, October 29th
Cash bar at 6:00 Dinner at 7:00**

Come meet new and old friends, hear details of this year's ski trips, win door prizes and just have a really good time at this famous Madison restaurant.

Reservations must be in to Pat Bruden by Thursday October 20th. (See reservation form on page 5.)

Choose Baked Chicken, Roast Pork, or the Famous Fish Boil for \$23.00 (includes tax & tip)

Great Food, Great Camaraderie, and Great Door Prizes. Don't miss out on the fun. Reserve your spot now.



No updates since our last newsletter. We hope to have numbers by the Lift-off party. Meanwhile, check the madisonskiclub.com site for all up-to-date information. If you have questions call 271-2378 or send an email to: abyquilts@charter.net
Jerry & Carol McAdow

STEAMBOAT, COLORADO

Saturday, February 4 – Friday, February, 10, 2012

The Madison Ski Club trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, promises to be a great ski adventure in one of the best areas of the Rockies. Seven thousand feet high, nestled quietly below one of the largest ski mountains in North America, sits a small community with a 100-year heritage that serves as a constant reminder that the Old West is alive and well.

Built around skiing and genuine Western hospitality, skiing has been a way of life in Steamboat Springs since the early 1900's. Self-described as "No Glitz, No Flash; Just a shining example of what a ski resort should be". Boasting "Champagne Powder" snow (70% drier, 70% fluffier and 100% more fun), it has received over 400" of snow 3 of the last 4 seasons. There are 165 trails to explore (14% easiest, 42% intermediate, and 44% advanced) over the almost 3000 acres. Nearly \$1 billion is being spent for on-mountain improvements, such as enhanced terrain to challenge all levels of ability, faster and more comfortable chairlifts, high tech snowmaking, and revitalization of the base area, Ski Times Square.

Our hotel, the Ptarmigan Inn, is one of the best in the area and offers ski-in, ski-out access to the Gondola. The Inn features a heated outdoor pool, hot tub and sauna, in-room refrigerators, coffee makers, remote color cable TV, high speed internet access, restaurant and lounge. Après ski in the lounge with a daily happy hour. A daily breakfast buffet is included in the price of the trip.

Steamboat's western heritage extends beyond the ski slopes. A stroll through Downtown Steamboat Springs reveals buildings dating back to the late 1800's and nine of the areas more than 150 mineral springs. It offers over 40 restaurants, 90 shops and galleries, and an historic walking tour to enjoy.

Cross country skiing (five different areas each boasting 15-35 kms of trails), snowshoeing, snowmobile rides, dog sledding, sleigh rides, guided nature tours, are a few of the activities you can enjoy off the slopes.

Price is \$1577 per person (single supplement is \$945). A \$50 discount will be applied if the deposit of \$300 per person is received before November 15, bringing the price down to **\$1527**. Price includes, round trip air (Madison to Hayden Field at Steamboat); airport shuttle to the hotel; 6 nights lodging; 6 morning buffet breakfasts; all room and air taxes & maid gratuities; in/out baggage handling and gratuities. Not included are lift tickets (special Madison Ski Club prices to be announced), meals other than those listed above, and personal expenses. **See reservation form on page 5. There may be singles looking for roommates. Check with the Wicklands.**

We are excited to be hosting this trip to "Ski Town, U.S.A.". We hope you will join us for a spectacular ski adventure in Genuine Colorado!

Steven and Ellen Wickland
elwickland@yahoo.com

Jerry & Carol awoke Sunday morning wondering, Is it an event if no one shows? Luckily we did not have to come up with an answer, because Vince Perkins and Bob Titus joined us for our annual Madison Ski Club Bike Ride. Where were the rest of you? – Did the rain change your plans? Picture of the intrepid four on the website madisonskiclub.com

TELLURIDE COLORADO Saturday March 3 - Friday March 9, 2012

We invite you to join us for this years premier Madison Ski Club trip to Telluride Ski Resort a world-class ski resort located in the San Juan Mountains in Telluride, Colorado. Check out tellurideskiresort.com/

The resort has expanded by over 300 acres in the last few years, offering some of the most stunning skiing and riding on the planet. This is your chance to experience unrivaled scenery and terrain, stay at a world-class hotel with spa, access to unique shopping and an opportunity to discover why Telluride is unmatched in North America.

The Telluride ski experience offers a genuine mountain experience for all levels of skiers, from refined groomed runs to challenging moguls and more difficult terrain. Novice skiers and even non-skiers can ride to some of the highest points on the mountain to enjoy the terrain and views. Telluride has been called, **"The most beautiful place you'll ever ski."**

Averaging more than 300 inches of snow and 300 days of sunshine each year, odds are great that we will have perfect weather to enjoy Telluride's 1,700 skiable acres. Telluride's lifts remain uncrowded and the trails are never packed which will make your visit even more enjoyable.

We will be staying at the Hotel Madeline located in the heart of Mountain Village, a mid-mountain resort community. Hotel Madeline is the perfect escape surrounded by 13,000 foot peaks, the soaring majesty of the San Juan

Mountains. Inside Hotel Madeline, an inspired vision of European alpine architecture is rendered with native Colorado stone and warm timbers from the forest beyond. Hotel Madeline Telluride represents the pinnacle of the Colorado resort experience with ski-in and ski-out access.

The departure date for this fantastic trip will be Saturday, March 3, departing from Madison by air to Montrose Colorado with bus transfer from Montrose to Telluride. The return will be on Friday, March 9, by bus from Telluride to Montrose and by air from Montrose back to Madison. Included with the trip is all transportation costs including taxes, 6 nights at the Hotel Madeline, 6 breakfasts, all hotel taxes and gratuities, in/out baggage handling on a trip you will not want to miss. Lift tickets, personal expenses and meals other than breakfasts will be at your expense. Optional special ski lift ticket prices will be available, but price is yet to be determined.

The trip is priced at \$1,999.00, with a \$50.00 discount available if a \$300.00 deposit is received prior to November 15, 2011, making it a very good value for a first class experience at \$1,949.00 per person. We hope you can join us; we know you will have a wonderful time on this trip to a World Class Destination. Please take advantage of the discount and sign up now with the reservation form on page 5. **We do have singles looking for roommates; please check with the Bairds.**

George and Lavora Baird, your trip hosts
glbaird@charter.net

Please check out the Madison Ski Club website. madisonskiclub.com
If you experience any problem with the website, contact Carol McAdow at
abyquilts@charter.net

SNOWMASS COLORADO
Saturday Dec 10 - Friday Dec 16, 2011

Snowmass: Will you be the Lucky One to get the Last Available Space?

At the time this edition of the Schussboomer goes to press, Madison Ski Club's sixth annual Snowmass trip might have a space or two left for you. Or maybe not. Act now to send your application and deposit, to secure your place on this perennially popular early season get-away. If space is not available, your application and refundable deposit will earn you a priority position on the cancellation list. Or you might choose to transfer your deposit to the MSC ski adventure to Steamboat (February 4 - February 10, 2012) or Telluride (March 3 - March 9, 2012). Details elsewhere in this newsletter. Any way you look at it, you win!

Snowmass is the second-largest ski area in the United States-3132 acres, with 91 trails serviced by 21 lifts. 50% of Snowmass's runs are wide, groomed, intermediate cruisers-perfect for those first days of the new season. 6% of Snowmass's slopes are beginner runs, and 44% are challenging expert slopes (with more than 4400 vertical feet of drop). A Snowmass lift ticket also entitles skiers to a free short shuttle ride for ski days at Aspen Highlands, Aspen Mountain and Buttermilk.

Our Snowmass home for the week will be the Snow-mass Mountain Chalet. A complimentary full hot breakfast overlooking a slope-side deck is served each morning, and the Mountain Chalet's ski-in/ski-out

convenience makes it easy to return for the complimentary lunch each day. The Living Room offers a lounge and fireplace for nightly cocktail parties, cards, games, and reading. The Chalet features an outdoor hot tub and pool. Enjoy dining and shopping just steps from the front door, or take a 15-minute free shuttle ride to picturesque Aspen Village, with its many shops, galleries and dining spots.

We'll enjoy five days of great snow and uncrowded slopes. Trip participants can also take advantage of the Aspen/Snowmass Nordic System for individual or guided cross-country skiing or snowshoeing. Also nearby are the Wapiti Wildlife Center, which offers free 45 minute nature tours, and the Anderson Ranch Arts Center, a working ranch now converted to an informal artists' collective.

Cost: \$1586 per person, based on double-occupancy (\$400 single supplement). (Price subject to airline fuel surcharge.)

Includes: Round-trip airfare, Madison-Denver-Aspen; van transfer to Snowmass Village. 6 nights lodging at Mountain Chalet. Hot breakfast & lunch daily. Club parties in the lobby. Price includes all baggage handling and room attendant gratuities, all room and air taxes.

Not included: Dinners, lift tickets, personal expenses. Special MSC ticket prices announced later.
Any questions? Call trip leaders Cherie and Bruce Olsen 608-274-6299 olsenba@charter.net

Madison Ski Club Membership for 2011 - 2012

Name _____ **Membership rate:(circle one)**

Street _____ **Family \$40.00**

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____ **Single \$30.00**

Phone _____ **(cell)** _____ **email** _____

Please send my newsletter (The Schussboomer) by email. Yes _____ **No** _____

Members of family included: _____

Mail this application with your check, payable to Madison Ski Club, to Cindy Stiles, 4317 Shore Acres Rd, Monona, WI 53716. Any questions call Cindy at (608) 222-6418

Madison Ski Club Lift-Off Party Reservation due by Thursday October 20th

Saturday October 29th: cash bar at 6:00, dinner at 7:00

Avenue Bar, 1128 E Washington Ave, Madison, WI

Mail this form with your check made out to Madison Ski Club to Pat Bruden, 87 Golf Parkway #A, Madison, WI 53704. Any questions call Pat at (608)246-1813 or email pbruden@charter.net

Name(s) _____

Choice of dinner: Baked Chicken _____ (number of each)

Roast Pork _____ (number of each)

Fish Boil _____ (number of each)

Check enclosed for \$ _____ (\$ 23.00 per dinner)

Reservation Form: Snowmass, CO (Hosts Bruce & Cherie Olsen) 12/10-16/2011

Send reservation form and \$300 per person deposit to WTA, Larry Hurley, 5009 Barton Rd, Madison 53711. Checks should be made out to WTA.

Name must be legal name that appears on passport/drivers license

Name(s) _____ *wait List Only*

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Check here for Amtrak option: _____ *Birthdate(s)* _____

Reservation Form: Steamboat, CO (Hosts Steven & Ellen Wickland) 02/04-10/2012

Send reservation form and \$300 per person deposit to WTA, Larry Hurley, 5009 Barton Rd, Madison 53711. Checks should be made out to WTA. Discount through Nov. 15th.

Name must be legal name that appears on passport/drivers license

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Birthdate(s) _____

Reservation Form: Telluride, CO (Hosts George & Lavora Baird) 03/03-09/2012

Send reservation form and \$300 per person deposit to WTA, Larry Hurley, 5009 Barton Rd, Madison 53711. Checks should be made out to WTA. Discount through Nov. 15th.

Name must be legal name that appears on passport/drivers license

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